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First Named Applicant	CRUTCHER, 35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 Days.			

TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR CLEANING HYDROCARBON-CONTAINING GREASES AND OILS FROM FABRIC IN LAUNDRY WASHING APPLICATIONS

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
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Notice of AllowabilityApplication No.
09/324,785

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John R. Hardee

Group Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to faxed amendment, 2/23/00

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, and 6-24

The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

JOHN R. HARDEE
PATENT EXAMINER
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 2 and 6-24 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record is Crutcher et al., US 5,719,118; Wixon, US 4,790,856; Flanagan, US 4,264,479; and WO 97/12018. Each of these references broadly discloses ethoxylated amine surfactants and either an alkyl polyglycoside or an ethoxylated alcohol. Use of a combination of disclosed surfactants would be obvious, in the absence of unexpected results. Wixon exemplifies a combination of an alkyl polyglycoside and an ethoxylated amine, but the composition is used to clean plates. None of the references discloses concentrated surfactant compositions in the ratios claimed by applicant. Applicant has demonstrated that the recited combinations of ethoxylated amine surfactants and alkyl polyglycosides or ethoxylated alcohols act synergistically in cleaning soiled fabric. This showing of unexpected results defines applicant's process claims over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is of interest and is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to the examiner, Dr. John R. Hardee, whose telephone number is (703) 305-5599. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 until 4:00. In the event that the examiner is not available, his supervisor, Dr. Yogendra Gupta, may be reached at (703) 308-4708.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.



John R. Hardee

Patent Examiner

February 23, 2000